

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2014

Honolulu, Hawaii

JAN 31 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2679
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B.
No. 2679 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE KAMUELA VACUUM COOLING PLANT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the
issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for the
planning and designing of phase II renovations to the Kamuela
Vacuum Cooling Plant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation,
and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant is
operated by the Kamuela Farmers Cooperative and the Department of
Agriculture to cool down locally grown vegetables before they are
shipped to market. The facility processes approximately seven
million pounds of produce annually and is an effective means to
increase the shelf life of a wide variety of produce.
Unfortunately, the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Plant is nearly thirty
years old and in desperate need of repair. Your Committee
concludes that the facility's cooling and electrical systems must
be repaired or upgraded to facilitate the continued integrity,
expansion, and diversification of locally grown produce.



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Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the expending agency for the appropriation is the Department of Agriculture.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2679, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2679, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture,

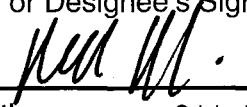


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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Twenty-Seventh Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2679</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">AGL, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">11/28/14</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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